



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST**

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following act is prohibited on all National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Sandia Ranger district, Cibola National Forest.

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58 (m)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Tribal members of Sandia Pueblo using the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area for traditional activities.
3. Owners of private land within the Sandia Ranger District so long as the prohibited activity is conducted within the boundaries of the private land and so long as materials are not expelled outside of the boundaries of the private land.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

This closure includes all National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, as shown on the attached Discharge Closure Map.


**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until March 31, 2014, whichever event occurs first.
2. Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals or \$10,000.00 for organizations or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous order prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.




SUSAN S. MILLSAP  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
Cibola National Forest

Assessment of Need (Justification) and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. This order is being prepared to restrict the discharge of a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun all National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, as shown on the attached Discharge Closure Map. The Sandia Ranger District lies immediately east of the Albuquerque metropolitan area (population approx. 1 million). The district receives high rates of visitation year round. This Order is being issued pursuant to a Categorical Exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(d).
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order is written to provide for public health and safety due to proximity to a large population center (Albuquerque) with high rates of visitation/recreational use.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Kerry Wood, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest	2/24/12
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Chad Scussel, Acting Patrol Captain, Southwest Region, USFS	03/27/12
Approve proposed order	Susan S. Millsap, Acting Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest	03/27/12
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Volunteers, Forest Service LEOs and FPOs, and all Available staffs	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives/post to website/notify COIDC/copy to each receptionist/front liners	PIO	
Notices will be used at access points advising of the closure for implementation.	Appropriate Staff Law Enforcement Officers Forest Protection Officers Cibola National forest Employees and volunteers	

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

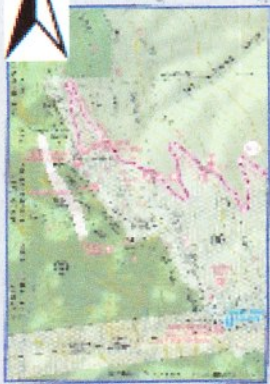
  
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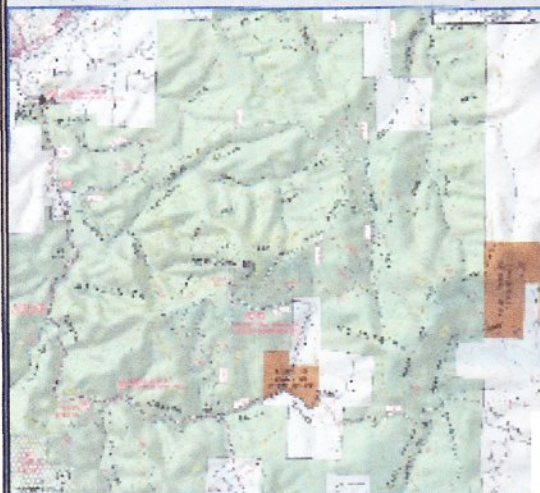
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